

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 21 and 23-40 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled or added.

Therefore, claims 21-40 are presented for examination. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the opportunity to improve the grammar and antecedent basis of the allowable claims and specification.

In response to paragraph 2 of the Examiner's Advisory Action (mailed 10/7/04), subpart (h), Applicant submits that within the phrase "the relative weight of the first one of the plurality of servers" in claim 37, lines 9-10, "the relative weight" has antecedent basis from line 2 of the claim which states, as amended, "determine a relative weight for each one of a plurality of servers". Applicant has amended the portion stating "the first one of the plurality of servers" to "a first one of the plurality of servers" to correct the improper antecedent basis.

Furthermore, in response to subpart (i) of paragraph 2 in the Advisory Action, Applicant submits that the phrase "the total number of times" in claim 37, line 13, does have proper antecedent basis, found in line 7 of the same claim which states "calculate a total number of times the plurality of servers."

Applicant submits that the present amendment places the claims in proper form for allowance, and respectfully requests the Examiner to allow the claims.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

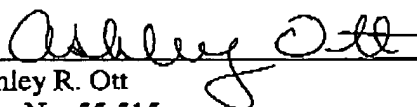
Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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